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ON

THE PRESENCE OF NON-GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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Present: Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey,  
United Kingdom, United States

References: COCOM Documents 1487, 3087

1. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate drew the Committee's attention to the procedure laid down in January 1954 (COCOM 1487) and confirmed in May 1958 (COCOM 3087) concerning the attendance of non-Government officials at meetings of the Committee or Sub-Committees. His authorities considered that this procedure was satisfactory and they would adhere to it during the forthcoming List Review. They would welcome a similar statement from the other Members of the Committee.
2. All DELEGATIONS confirmed that they would comply with the agreed procedure.
3. The NETHERLANDS Delegate suggested that it would be useful if Delegations also circulated the names of Government experts who were sometimes called in to assist the Committee.
4. The CHAIRMAN reminded Delegates that the procedure of COCOM 1487 was a permanent rule of the Committee and not one which applied only at the time of a List Review. Each Delegation had the right to be assisted by any expert it chose; each Delegation was responsible for the security clearance of its experts and should circulate in advance the names and firms of any non-Government experts assisting their Delegations. Finally, the Chairman endorsed the suggestion that it would be useful if Delegations gave the name and appointment of civil servants who were brought in to give expert advice.

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